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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE

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SUBJECT: Change to DoDFMR Vol 7A, Policy for Implementation of

Diplomate Pay for Veterinary Corps Officers

(DFAS Item #I-76)

Attached is interim change $\underline{11-00}$ to the DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A. The purpose of this change is to add a special pay for Veterinary Officers who are board certified as a Diplomate in a specialty recognized by the American Veterinarian Medical Association. This change was effective October 1, 1999.

We have evaluated your comments on the draft change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A. The attached final version of the change includes your comments where appropriate.

Assignment of an interim change is your authority to start a procedural modification to facilitate this change. For the Denver Center, use the attached to initiate the formal printed change to the DoDFMR and the interim change message.

Gregory P. Bitz Director of Fibance

Attachment: As stated

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1. Change the title of paragraph 0701 to read:

"0701 MONTHLY SPECIAL PAY"

2. Add the following new paragraphs to read:

"0702 DIPLOMATE PAY FOR VETERINARY OFFICERS

070201 <u>ELIGIBILITY</u> A commissioned officer is entitled to receive Diplomate special pay who:

- A. Is in the Veterinary Corps on active duty with the Regular Army; or
- B. Is in the Veterinary Corps in a Reserve Component of the Army who is on active duty as a result of a call or order to active duty for a period of at least 1 year; or
- C. Is in the Regular Air Force and is designated as a Veterinary Officer; and
- D. Has been awarded a diploma as a Diplomate in a specialty recognized by the American Veterinarian Medical Association.
- 070202 <u>SPECIAL PAY FOR RESERVISTS</u> A Veterinary Officer in the Reserve Component shall be eligible for Diplomate pay under 37 USC 303 who:
- A. Is on active duty (other than for training) under a call or order to active duty for a period of more than 30 days but less than 1 year; or
- B. Is involuntarily retained on active duty under section 12305 of title 10; or
- C. Is recalled to active duty under section 688 of title 10 for a period of more than 30 days; or
- D. Voluntarily agrees to remain on active duty for a period of less than 1 year at a time when officers are

involuntarily retained on active duty under section 12305 of title 10; and

E. Has been awarded a diploma as a Diplomate in a specialty recognized by the American Veterinarian Medical Association.

070203 <u>AWARD</u> The annual award, as specified below, shall be paid in equal monthly amounts:

Years of Creditable Service	Annual Payment
Less than 10 years	\$2,000
At least 10 but less than 12 years	\$2,500
At least 12 but less than 14 years	\$3,000
At least 14 but less than 18 years	\$4,000
18 or more years	\$5,000

070204 <u>CREDITABLE SERVICE</u> For purposes of Veterinary Officer Diplomate Pay, creditable service is defined as all periods of active service performed as a Veterinary Officer."

3. Revise the bibliography as follows:

Paragraph	Citation
0702	37 U.S.C. 303, as
	amended by Public Law
	106-65, Section 616,
	Oct 5, 1999
	ASD (HA) Memo,
	Sep 30, 1999